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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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IN THE FIGURES:

Please add Fig. 1, enclosed herein.

REMARKS

Fig 1 was inadvertently omitted when Applicant filed the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully request that Fig.1 be added to the above-identified application under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 113, second sentence, and MPEP § 608.02 (*see*, in particular page 600-87, August 2001 Edition).

Although the subject matter sought to be patented admits of an illustration by a drawing, Fig. 1 is not necessary for the understanding of the invention. In particular, Fig. 1 depicts the various routes of absorption and processing of pharmacologically active substances in mammalian systems. The subject matter of Fig. 1, however, is expressly taught in the specification at page 1, lines 10-11. As such, Fig. 1 does not add new matter. Furthermore, Fig. 1 was included in PCT/US97/17899 to which the above-identified application claims priority. Accordingly, the inadvertent absence of Fig. 1 from the as-filed specification should not render the application incomplete and should be treated as an informality and should not affect the filing

date of the present application (*see* MPEP § 608.02, in particular page 600-87, August 2001 Edition).

No fee is believed to be due for this amendment. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.
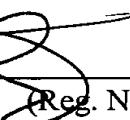
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